

**CITY OF BOTTINEAU
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2024
CITY ARMORY-7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Schoenborn, Auditor Nostdahl, Superintendent Schwalbe, Attorney Benson & Council Members: Marsden, Mortensen, Langhaug, Stewart, Lauckner & Getzlaff.

ABSENT: Council Members Freeman & Seykora.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schoenborn.

CONSENT AGENDA: Marsden moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

BILLS: Marsden reviewed the bills. Stewart moved to approve/pay the list of bills seconded by Lauckner. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

POLICE REPORT: Impound auction will be held soon. A new deputy; Ann Millerbernd was introduced. Mayor Schoenborn reminded the deputies to ticket parked cars on the streets that have been there for a long time. Lauckner asked them to research a better parking spot for patrol cars when they are by the school in the mornings.

WOLD ENGINEERING: J. Tagastad was present. The Street Committee needs to meet with her soon to go over plans & specs. for the 2024 Paving Project. Nostdahl needs estimates soon so letters can be mailed to the affected property owners & allow for a protest period.

CEMENT BIDS: Marsden moved to advertise for the 2024 concrete bids, to be opened at the March meeting, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

FIREWORKS: Langhaug moved to allow the Bottineau County Fair Board to have a fireworks display at the fair on June 14th & 15th, seconded by Lauckner, carried.

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT:

Schwalbe attended the quarterly NAWS meeting. He is requesting to purchase a used lift gate for the latest pickup at an estimated cost of \$4500.00. (not in budget) Marsden moved to approve this purchase, seconded by Langhaug. On roll call all voted yes, carried. Pay for this out of the water fund.

CHAMBER/EDC REPORT:

Whitney Gonitzke presented a 10 yr. - 3% - \$10,000.00 loan request from Will Knodell to establish "Homestead Meats & Eats" at 302 11th St E. Fresh meat, take out deli & some groceries will be offered. Mortensen moved to approve, seconded by Marsden. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY PROPERTY:

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Met on 2/1/24. 2 new Planning Commission members were appointed: Dan Vandal & Brandon Nehring. The following zoning requests were presented:

Julia Mehlhoff – rezone conditionally 312 6th St W from "R-1 & 2" to "B-2" for an Airbnb. Marsden moved to hold a protest hearing for the Mehlhoff rezone on March 4, 2024, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

Jocelyn Jahner has purchased 209 10th St E that had previously been rezoned to “B-2” for an Airbnb. We will place notice for an owner change only. Langhaug moved to approve a name change, seconded by Marsden, carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

No report.

ORDINANCE:

Seth Hammes has asked the Council to look into condemning some structures in town. He feels there is a rat problem in town. We will look into the process & try to do our best to address this.

STREET:

No report.

UTILITY:

No report.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

No report.

SHADE TREE:

Meeting on Feb. 8th.

HEALTH:

No report.

POOL:

No report.

POLICE REPORT:

No report.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Meeting in Feb.

EMPLOYEE:

Met on 1/27/24 to prep for job interviews. We have started the process.

TRAILS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

ARMORY:

No report.

ARENA:

No report.

FIRE HALL:

Interviews for the CMAR will be on Feb. 9th.

OTHER: Mayor Schoenborn reminded Council that individuals & items need to be on the agenda. Mortensen asked about garbage cans-do we replace them? We have a policy for that.

Getzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Penny J. Nostdahl, City Auditor

Perry Schoenborn, Mayor